

ID	Initiative	Details	Status	Issues & Risks	Next steps
[s.22]	<p>023 National Broadband Network (NBN)</p>	<p>Timeframe: First announced in the 2007 election, the decision to establish a new company to build and operate the NBN was announced in a joint press release on 7 April 2009.</p> <p>The Government has announced that the network rollout will begin in Tasmania from mid 2009, and the rest of Australia from 2010. The network rollout is expected to take 8 years. An implementation study for the network is to be completed in February 2010.</p>	<p>McKinsey/KMPG has been appointed as lead adviser for the NBN implementation study and scheduled to report in February 2010. NBN Company Chair and Board members have been appointed. Negotiations with Aurora Energy on the Tasmanian rollout are continuing. On 15 September 2009, Senator Conroy announced significant telecommunications reforms, including measures to address Telstra's high levels of integration.</p>	<p>Considerable financial risks to the Commonwealth remain, including uncertainty over the likely extent of private sector involvement. However, from a competition policy perspective, the Government's announcement provides an excellent opportunity to address longstanding problems in the telecommunications sector.</p>	<p>Appear before the Senate Select Committee on the NBN on 1 October 2009. Participate in the NBN Secretaries Working Group and the Steering Committee for the NBN Implementation study.</p> <p>[s.47C]</p> <p>with legislation expected to be introduced at the end of October.</p>
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